

AGENDA

Virginia Commercial Fishing Advisory Board
Virginia Marine Resources Commission
Tuesday, May 1, 2007
6:00 p.m.

Tentative Agenda

- I. Introduction, Announcements, Comments.
- II. Status of Fund.
- III. Multi-Year Projects for Renewal.
 - A) Product Development for Cownose Ray. Shirley Estes, VMPB. **\$75,624.**
 - B) Project Manager for the Re-examination of Feasibility Study on One-year Grow-out of Triploid *Crassostrea ariakensis*. Frances Porter, VSC. **\$26,318.**
 - C) Hampton Roads Clam Project. H. Kator, K. Reece, B. Croonenberghs, R. Wittman, VIMS/VDH. **\$25,002.**
 - D) Federal Assistance Match (Wallop-Breaux) Funds FY 2008. Jack Travelstead, VMRC. **\$179,256.**
 - E) Estimating Relative Abundance of Young-of-Year American Eel, *Anguilla rostrata*, in the Virginia Tributaries of Chesapeake Bay (Year 7). Marcel Montane, VIMS. **\$36,325.***
- IV. New Projects.
 - F) Estimating Relative Abundance of Blue Crabs in the Virginia Portion of Chesapeake Bay. M. Fabrizio, M. Montane, VIMS. **\$50,000.**
 - G) Abundance, Distribution and Biology of Sharks and Rays in Chesapeake Bay and Virginia's Coastal Lagoons: Continuation of a Long-term Monitoring and Research Program. D. Grubbs, J. Musick, VIMS. **\$89,073.***
 - H) Estimate and Assess Social and Economic Importance and Value of Menhaden to Chesapeake Bay Stakeholders and Region (3 Year Study \$788,284). James Kirkley, VIMS. **\$363,403.***
 - I) Updated Assessment of the Economic Importance of Virginia's Commercial Fishing Industry. James Kirkley, VIMS. **\$42,294.**

- J) Development of a Replacement for the Horseshoe Crab Bait Currently Used in the Commercial Whelk Pot Fishery (2 Year Study). R. Brill, R. Fisher, D. Cristol, VIMS. **\$95,061.**
- K) Seasonal Distribution Patterns of Veined Rapa Whelks with Respect to Shellfish Resources in the Lower Chesapeake Bay. Juliana Harding, VIMS. **\$41,726.**
- L) Continue Evaluating Behavioral Responses of Cownose Rays to Electrosensory Repellents and to Conduct Shellfish Prey-Size Selectivity Trials. Robert Fisher, VIMS. **\$16,832.**
- M) Collection of Biological Samples to Supplement Current Cownose Ray Biological Assessment Efforts. Robert Fisher, VIMS. **\$24,699.**

*** Indicates the project is also under review by the Recreational Fishing Advisory Board (RFAB).**

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